

# News of the Ark

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## From the Grand Principal Sojourner

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*The Most Excellent Grand High Priest has asked the current Grand Chapter Officers to write articles each month for this supplement.*



So you have become a Royal Arch Mason. Great, congrats, now what? Many reasons are given as to why to continue your masonic journey—the ever popular “more light”, or the brotherhood, and a slew of others. But what should you do once you receive the light? You have experienced the beauty and wisdom of the degrees, you have met new companions and possibly made new friends and brothers who have accompanied you along this path. Now, the standard answer to my question, “what to do

now?” is, go to your local chapter meetings, study your ritual, ask questions of your mentors, and mentor others. You don’t have to be an expert to mentor others; you just have to have a desire to learn and make yourself and those around you better. Just try to have a firm grasp on what you are helping others to learn. Take a part in the degrees and study it. Really try to absorb as much as you can and make it yours. Maybe work towards becoming a leader in our craft. There are many paths and directions to wander here, but you have passed under the royal arch, so your journey is just beginning.

One of the best experiences I have had while wandering through these paths is something I would like to share with you now. Absolutely, go to your local Chapter. Go to others and see how they do things. Take a part and help with degree work. But if possible go to some degrees and just watch and listen. Take in everything that you may have missed when you took your degrees or performed a part in someone else’s. Watch the cast closely; see how they deliver that speech that was so impactful when you first heard it. Watch the other members in the room; see how they absorb the material. Watch the candidates, and try to remember exactly how you felt when you first heard these words. There is a great feeling of accomplishment when you take your degrees or when you put them on for others, to see that light grow brighter in their eyes as you deliver your part. These are melodramas, classic plays made to ensnare our senses and open our minds. Unfortunately, the broad scope of the details sometimes get lost over time.

Well this was meant to be advice for our newest companions. But just like our beloved craft, it evolved and grew. So for not only new members, but old as well, take the time to rediscover what made you fall in love with these degrees. Whether it is our beautiful ritual or the friends you have made, stop and sit and just watch and learn and explore the true magic we have within our organization. Masonry like life comes down to one

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simple fact, you get out of it what you put in to it. Yes it is a rough and rugged road that we have traveled along which has led us here, but both the journey and the destination are well worth the bumps.

Fraternally,

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## *Asking Other Masons to Join*

The Grand Chapter Officers are asked on a regular basis how we can grow our Chapters here in Kansas. The answer is quite simple: just ask a Brother Master Mason to join! While the Blue Lodge is the cornerstone of our masonic experience, and the precursor to all which can follow, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons has even more to offer the Master Mason. We can provide the words they are seeking, and to assist them to better understand the opening lines from the various officers within the Blue Lodge meeting. As Royal Arch Masons, we just need to be prepared to explain to our Brother Master Masons what our Chapters have to offer them and then be prepared to provide them with a petition. Be willing and ready to share the love and admiration you have for the Royal Arch degree system when they ask.

## *September Grand High Priest's Schedule*

September continues what will become another busy month for our Grand High Priest. During September, he will be continuing to make his official visits to our Chapters in Kansas, speaking with Companions in Kansas, and meeting with other York Rite Masons from across the United States. Most Excellent Companion Carr's September schedule can be found below:

Leavenworth Chapter No. 2	September 2, 2025	Overland Park, Kansas
Keystone Chapter No. 22	September 4, 2025	Independence, Kansas
Missouri York Rite Education Conference	September 5-6, 2025	Saint James, Missouri
Kingman Chapter No 71	September 10, 2025	Kingman, Kansas
Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 43	September 11, 2025	Hiawatha, Kansas
The Guild/Oak Tree Lodge	September 13, 2025	McPherson/Little River, Kansas
South Central York Rite Conferences	September 18-21, 2025	League City, Texas
Midwest Grotto Association	September 26-28, 2025	Indianapolis, Indiana